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SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF OECD DIRECTOR FOR
SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MANPOWER AND EDUCATION JAMES R. GASS

1. RON GASS, OECD DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS, MAN-
POWER AND EDUCATION, PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON
JANUARY 23, 24, 25. HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH
LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS FOLLOW-ON TO THE YOUTH
UNEMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE JULY
CONFERENCE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND GOVERNMENT
POLICIES. WE UNDERSTAND KELLY OF THE OECD SECRETARIAT
IS NOW IN WASHINGTON AND IS ARRANGING WITH METCALF A
LABOR DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR GASS. A
SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO BE PUT TO THE MANPOWER AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE OUT SHORTLY AND
GASS HAS PROMISED US A VERSION WHICH WE CAN SEND TO
WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE OF HIS VISIT.

2. WITHIN HEW AND NIE, GASS REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS
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WITH BOYER, GRAHAM, AND LEESTMA AND WOULD BE HAPPY
TO TAKE ADVICE ON OTHERS HE SHOULD SEE. HE WISHES TO
DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING OF EDUCA-
TION MINISTERS THIS FALL WHICH THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
WILL BE CONSIDERING AT ITS MEETING AT THE END OF THE
MONTH. GASS ALSO WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE U.S.
EDUCATION REVIEW.

3. WE SUGGESTED TO GASS THAT HIS FIRST MEETING MONDAY MORNING SHOULD BE WITH RPE, AND HE AGREES WITH THIS.

4. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF AN OVERALL SCHEDULE COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR GASS AND IF WE COULD BE INFORMED OF TIME AND PLACE FOR HIS INITIAL MEETING AT WHICH INTER ALIA HE MIGHT BE GIVEN THE FULL SCHEDULE.
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